



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 540**

LCO No. 4736

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT DEFINING "BONA FIDE RESIDENT" FOR VOTER REGISTRATION PURPOSES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) Each citizen of the United States who has attained the age of  
4 eighteen years, and who is a bona fide resident of the town to which  
5 the citizen applies for admission as an elector shall, on approval by the  
6 registrars of voters or town clerk of the town of residence of such  
7 citizen, as prescribed by law, be an elector, except as provided in  
8 subsection (b) of this section. For purposes of this section a person  
9 shall be deemed to have attained the age of eighteen years on the day  
10 of the person's eighteenth birthday and a person shall be deemed to be  
11 a bona fide resident of the town to which the citizen applies for  
12 admission as an elector if such person's dwelling unit is located within  
13 the geographic boundaries of such town. No mentally incompetent  
14 person shall be admitted as an elector.

15 (b) Any citizen who will have attained the age of eighteen years on  
16 or before the day of a regular election may apply for admission as an  
17 elector. If such citizen is found to be qualified the citizen shall become  
18 an elector on the day of the citizen's eighteenth birthday. The registrars  
19 shall add the name of any person applying under this subsection, if  
20 found qualified, to the registry list and, if applicable, to the enrollment  
21 list, together with the effective date of his registration. The registrars  
22 may place the name of each such person at the end of the registry and  
23 enrollment lists for the voting district.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	9-12
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To clarify the definition of "bona fide resident" for purposes of voter registration.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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